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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

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1. North Vietnam

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the Communists are stepping up the movement of supplies in the Laos panhandle. It seems likely that they are trying to replenish their stockpiles in the Laos - South Vietnam border area before the rainy season sets in again.

The effort which the Communists have devoted to expanding the supply routes in the Laotian panhandle is indicated by the fact that there are now more than 650 miles of road in this area; this compares with 250 miles in mid-1965.

2. Soviet Union

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The most recent satellite photography shows that one of these installations is now externally complete and that construction of eight associated launchers has resumed after a lapse of about a year. This facility and its launchers could be operational by the end of this year.

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The latest satellite photography has also shown up a new Soviet delta-wing aircraft about the size of the US F-106 interceptor.

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4. Canada

Prime Minister Pearson's victory last night was a very close one and made possible only by the support of the Social Credit parties.

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5. Colombia

Unofficial returns from Sunday's election are almost complete and it is clear that President-elect Carlos Lleras Restrepo will have a stronger popular mandate than outgoing President Valencia More of the eligible voters cast their ballots this time than four years ago and Lleras' total was substantially higher than Valencia had received.

6. Rhodesia

Rhodesian security forces claim the guerrilla group they clashed with last weekend had been trained and armed by the Chinese.

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The guerrilla band, which had apparently entered from Zambia, was overwhelmed and only a few members escaped.

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